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Hello Ms. Taylor,

My name is Kristina Donnelly and I am a research associate at the Pacific Institute. We are currently working on a chapter about hydraulic fracturing, based on a report we had published in June 2012. I am working to update the case study about the events in Dimock, and, as you can imagine, I'm a bit confused about the situation. I wonder if you could review the attached summary (only about 600 words) and let me know if I've gotten anything wrong, or have confused any of the issues?

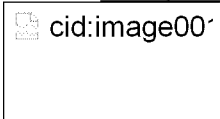
The last paragraph is, in particular, need of some clarification. It seems the EPA testing did not focus the most recent round of testing on methane since it's not considered a water quality contaminant, although they did test for it, and found elevated levels in some homes. The source of the methane, it seems to me, is the real point of contention, rather than whether there is methane present. The other contaminants (arsenic, manganese, and barium) Cabot argues, are naturally occurring. Do you think this is an adequate characterization?

Thank you for your help, and feel free to track changes on the attached document or give me a call to discuss.

Sincerely,
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